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1. DEPT'S UNDERSTANDING CORRECT THAT MARCH 24 ETHIOPIAN HERALD DID NARRY EDITORIAL ON ERITREA; HOWEVER, CONCLUSION OF EDITORIAL LEFT MATTER OF SOLUTION TO ERITREAN CONFLICT AMBIGUOUS, STATING "SOLUTION CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED WITH THE VICTORY OF POPULAR FORCES OVER THEIR INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CLASS ENEMIES. THE BROAD MASSES WILL STEP UP THEIR STRUGGLE TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR PROGRESSIVE GAINS AND PROCEED FORWARD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA." IT IS UNCLEAR FROM EDITORIAL ALONE WHETHER "VICTORY" AND "STRUGGLE" REFERRED TO ARE OF A POLITICAL OR MILITARY CHARACTER. EDITORIAL WAS COUCHED IN IDEOLOGICAL RHETORIC OF CLASS STRUGGLE AND ERITREAN PROBLEM WAS CHARACTERIZED AS LEGACY OF CLASS OPRESSION AND EXPLOITATION INHERITED FROM FUEDAL PAST. ELSEWHERE IT EXHORTS ETHIOPIAN BROAD MASSES "THAT IT IS THEIR DUTY TO HELP ERITREAN MASSES IN THEIR STRUGGLE TO LIBERATE THEMSELVES FROM BONDAGE OF MERCENARIES AND CLASS ENEMIES."

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2. WHILE EDITORIAL DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY ADVOCATE PURE MILITARY SOLUTION TO ERITREAN PROBLEM, IT PROBABLY COMES CLOSER THAN ANY RECENT OFFICIAL OR NON-OFFICIAL STATEMENTS. EMBASSY WOULD REFER DEPT TO REFTTEL (B) ON PROSPECTS FOR ERITREA, WHICH APPEARS TO BE SUPPORTED BY MARCH 24 EDITORIAL.

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